

Original Center Creek LDS Chapel

This red pine log building, which has dove-tailed corners and wooden pegs; once stood near the NW corner of the intersection at 3600 E and Center Creek Road. It also has tongue and groove board laminations which adds to its durability. Shingles were its first roof covering. For years, it served not only as an LDS Chapel, a gathering place for dances, parties and entertainment for the folks of Center Creek, but also as a school for the Children. It was likely built by the members, and under the direction of their first Bishop, Benjamin Cluff in about 1877, or as late as early 1890s. It was also referred to by the saints, as the Primary Hall.

There had been a settlement of 12 to 20 families along the old Center Creek as early as 1861, under the leadership of John Harvey. But, when the aggravations and deprivations of the Ute Indians became intense in 1866, and after the start of the Black Hawk War in 1865; these pioneers responded to the suggestion of Pres Brigham Young and moved into Fort Heber. So, Pioneering along Center Creek lay dormant till much after the signing of the Peace Treaty on 20 Aug 1867, by Ute Chief Tabby and the Presiding Bishop Joseph Stacy Murdock, in Heber.

By 1877, the Center Creek Pioneers began again, their efforts to settle this area and the settlement thrived under the new agreement of Chief Tabby. It served well till Bishop Hugh W Harvey, in 1904, felt they needed a new Chapel, and negotiated with the Methodist Church, to buy their building which stood where the Catholic Church now stands in Heber. The use of this old sturdy building was then replaced by the Methodist structure.

By 1941, this old chapel was no longer needed, so Otis Sweat bought it for about \$10.00 and moved it behind his home at 4170 E Center Creek Road. It then became a hay barn and lounging shed for his farm animals for the past 57 yrs. and is still in use. (Note: Research by Dorcas Anderson.) 3-18-98 rrg

4170 E. 2400 S.

Original LDS Center Creek Chapel and ~~Primary School Hall~~

This present old log barn, built of red pine, was first constructed for the purpose of an LDS Meeting House & School for the folks in Center Creek. It was likely built by the LDS members under the leadership of their first Bishop, Benjamin Cluff (Ward organized 15 July 1877). There had been a settlement of 12 to 20 families along Center Creek, as early as 1861, under the leadership of Elder John Harvey, which lasted until the Ute Indian aggravations and deprivations, through 1866, displaced this rugged group. The Black Hawk War broke out in 1865 and by 1866, Pres Brigham Young advised that these saints congregate into the Heber Fort; which they did. Pioneering became dormant along the Center Creek till after the Indian Peace Treaty was signed by Ute Chief Tabby and Presiding Bishop Joseph Stacy Murdock in Heber, on 20 Aug 1867. The the settlers re-opened their pioneering along this Creek by 1877. It is estimated, that this log structure was built soon after the organizing of the Center Creek Ward, in 1877, or as late as early 1890's.

It was originally located on the northeast corner of 3600 East and Center Creek Road. It is solidly constructed of dove-tailed logs and secured with wooden pegs.

This old barn is rich in Center Creek history. It was originally located on the corner of 3600 East and Center Creek Road. In the early 1890's it served as the old Center Ward church house. It was also referred to as the Primary Hall. Schooling the children of the area was another function of this multi-purpose building. It is assumed that the ward members built the structure. It is constructed out of black pine logs with dovetail joints. Tongue and groove boards lined the outer logs for extra durability. Wooden shingles were the original roof coverings. Subsequently the roof was lined with tin. Otis Sweat purchased the building in 1941 for about \$10.00. He moved it to 4170 East Center Creek Road. For almost 60 years it has served as a barn on his family farm. It has housed cattle, horses and hay. It is still in use at the present time.

old chapel - Primary Hall - Otis Sweet's Barn

Barn Identity:

Picture(s) of the barn.

Name of the original owner: LDS Church? center
(with his Picture, History, Pedigree, and Family Group Sheet.)

Address of the barn: - Church

Both
Cross

Who actually built the barn? -

When did they build it? 1890's

What materials were used? LOGS

Dove Tailed ^{Black} Pine Logs - Tongue + groove Boards
wood shingles

Peculiar characteristics of the barn: -

Who were the subsequent owners?

Otis Sweet -

Added significant history of the barn:

Both
1917 Log structure was the Chapel - then
Primary Hall - then Ot's Barn
School

Storage & horse barn -

Off Drough barn 1941 ~~1941~~
up to
farm Rd 5-10 dollars

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